

# Regular Meeting

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	5
<b>Meeting Date</b>	May 9, 2005
<b>Prepared By</b>	Jessie Carpenter Acting City Clerk
<b>Approved By</b>	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Resolution Establishing May 20, 2005 as Bike to Work Day in Takoma Park
<b>Background</b>	<p>Bike to Work Day has been organized by the Washington Area Bicyclist Coalition (WABA), in conjunction with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Commuter Connections program, to encourage commuters to ride their bikes to work. On Friday, May 20, a series of "pit stops" have been set up around the metropolitan area. The pit stops will offer breakfast, entertainment, and the opportunity to win prizes. Participants who register with WABA by May 14 will receive a free t-shirt at their pit stop.</p> <p>Maryland Pit Stop Rallies will take place in Bethesda, Bowie, College Park, Frederick, La Plata, North Bethesda, Rockville (Brick Courthouse), Rockville (Falls Grove Transportation Center), and Silver Spring (Discovery Communications).</p> <p>Cyclists can obtain additional information and register for Bike to Work Day at the WABA website <a href="http://www.waba.org/new/BTWD05/index.php">http://www.waba.org/new/BTWD05/index.php</a>.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	The City Council recognizes the value of bicycle commuting.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Attachments</b>	Resolution Establishing May 20, 2005 as Bike to Work Day in Takoma Park
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Council will consider the resolution for adoption on May 9, 2005.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	

Introduced by:

**Resolution 2005-  
ESTABLISHING MAY 20, 2005  
AS BIKE TO WORK DAY IN TAKOMA PARK**

**WHEREAS,** bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and noise, and to conserve energy; and

**WHEREAS,** bicycle commuting benefits both employees and employers through better employee health and fitness; reduced commuting, parking, and health care costs; lower employee absenteeism and turnover; and increased employee productivity; and

**WHEREAS,** increasing numbers of businesses have installed bicycle parking and other commuter facilities to help employees and customers commute by bicycle; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, through its Commuter Connections program, is implementing a regional Employer Outreach for Bicycling project; and

**WHEREAS,** the month of May is “Clean Air Month” to promote air quality, and May is also “National Bike Month” to promote the bicycle as a means of transportation and recreation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, proclaims Friday, May 20, 2005 as Bike to Work Day 2005 in Takoma Park.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2005.

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter  
Acting City Clerk